

As a school district technology director I want to express my concern that support for WAN services continue to be a level one priority for e-rate funding. Our district chose to lease WAN telecommunication services as opposed to purchasing our own because of the erate rules. It would be a significant burden on the district to absorb these costs if the rules were to change. I am also very much in favor of direct payment to applicants of funds approved through the BEAR form process. One particular vendor that I deal with has been very difficult to deal with.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.